

Report of D. Thompson

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I met Dr. J. H. Cooper at the residence of Mr. Edwin Carpenter. He informed me that he has known Jane Gibson for a long time. As one of the members of the Board of Health he had visited her place on numerous occasions when reports were received as to the unsanitary conditions which existed on her farm. Each time she would promise to remedy them. No summary action, however, was ever taken against her.

I asked him if he knew anything about the time that Mrs. Gibson claimed to have been chloroformed, etc. He said that he had never heard of the affair. I asked him further about the child which Mrs. Gibson claimed had been born to her about four years ago. He said that he had not attended her at the time the child was born and he did not think there was any record whatsoever of its birth. In fact he doubts whether Mrs. Gibson is really the mother of the child, but says that it would not be impossible.

He said that the only time that he recalls that he treated Mrs. Gibson was at the time of the assault upon her by Mrs. Russell and as he recalls he was called into the case by George Totten.

I asked the Doctor if he would give me his candid opinion of Mrs. Gibson, as to her mentality and whether she was a person who might at time have hallucinations. He told me that to be perfectly honest about it, he has never been able to satisfy himself on that point. He claims that she is a woman who he was never able to figure out, although from his experience, he considers that he is a fair judge of the average person.

While Dr. Cooper expresses his willingness to furnish any information which might be helpful, he did not seem to have anything tangible. However, I did not press him very strongly, as I had learned before the interview that Mr. Neilson had seen the Doctor last Sunday and felt that possibly if I went too far with him I might cross some wires with what Mr. Neilson might have in hand.

Respectfully submitted:

D. T.